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IN the publication of the COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW we feel that we have undertaken a task which may prove to be beyond our powers. Yet we have been encouraged to proceed in the hope that if our efforts are successful, the magazine will be of service to the profession. And in this, our initial number, we wish to indicate the general purpose of our undertaking. The plan was conceived with the idea that there is a field for still another magazine devoted to the discussion of legal problems, and containing besides, a summary of current decisions and discriminating reviews of law books. The only undergraduate work will appear in the digests and criticisms of recent cases. For our other material we shall look entirely to members of the Bar, encouraged by the cordial aid already given.

For the generous support which we have received from the Bench, the University and the Bar we wish to express our gratitude and to it attribute any measure of success which may come to us. In particular, we wish to thank the editors, past and present, of the *Harvard Law Review*, not only for setting before us a standard to which we some day hope to attain, but also for their kindly suggestions.